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SUBJECT : REQUESTED CHECK ON BONA FIDES: AEROTRADE
INTERNATIONAL INC.

REFERENCE : SANTIAGO 5615

1. AEROTRADE, INC., P.O. BOX 835, 3301 N.W. 62ND AVE.,
MIAMI, FLORIDA, REGISTERED WITH DEPT (PM/MC) SINCE 1967
AS AN EXPORTER OF UNITED STATES MUNITIONS LIST ARTICLES
(SEE 10 FAM 180, APPENDIX A). CURRENT REGISTRATION,
DATED MARCH 28, 1972 AND VALID FOR FIVE YEARS, SHOWS:
JAMES O. BYERS, PRESIDENT; HERMANN WAKER, JR.,
TREASURER; AEROTRADE INTERNATIONAL INC. AND AIR HAITI
AGENCY INC., WHOLLY - AND PARTIALLY - OWNED SUBSIDI-
ARIES.

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2. WELL KNOWN CREDIT AGENCY RATES FIRM DC3, I.E., ESTIMATED FINANCIAL STRENGTH FROM 50,000 TO 75,000 DOLLARS; CREDIT APPRAISAL FAIR ON A SCALE HIGH, GOOD, FAIR OR LIMITED.

3. HERETOFORE, AEROTRADE PRINCIPALLY INVOLVED IN SUPPLYING MUNITIONS LIST ARTICLES TO GOVERNMENT OF HAITI. UNDERTAKING EXTENDED FROM 1969 TO MID-1973 WHEN RELATIONSHIP DISCONTINUED IN DISPUTE OVER NON-DELIVERY BY AEROTRADE OF MATERIEL IT CONTRACTED TO SUPPLY GOH.

AEROTRADE INITIATED SUIT AGAINST GOH IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, HOWEVER SUIT DISMISSED ON GROUNDS SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. AEROTRADE NOW SEEKING WRIT OF MANDAMUS TO MANDATE ADMINISTRATOR OF AID TO INVOKE SANCTIONS OF HICKENLOOPER AMENDMENT (SECTION 620(A)(1)(B), FAA OF 1961, AS AMENDED).

4. DEPT (PM/MC) RECORDS INDICATE AEROTRADE HAS NOT SUBMITTED APPLICATION IN PAST YEAR FOR LICENSE TO EXPORT MUNITIONS LIST ARTICLES TO ANY COUNTRY. HENCE, CLAIM BY AEROTRADE THAT IT ACTS AS ARMS PROCUREMENT AGENT IN U.S. FOR THREE FOREIGN COUNTRIES OPEN TO QUESTION. INQUIRY HAS FAILED TO TURN UP ANY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION IN POSITION TO LOAN SUM REPORTED UNDER TERMS INDICATED. DEPT, TOO, SKEPTICAL OF OFFER.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY OF AEROTRADE RESUME IF POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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